

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-73 are pending. An Office Action mailed August 11, 2005 objected to FIGURE 1 and Claims 34, 35, and 51 and rejected Claims 37-73 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this Amendment, Applicants hereby submit a replacement FIGURE 1, amends the Specification and Claims 34 and 35, and cancels Claims 37-73. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

### **DRAWINGS**

Applicants hereby amend FIGURE 1 in accordance with the noted objection.

### **CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Applicants hereby amend FIGURES 34 and 35 to correct their dependencies.

### **REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Applicants hereby cancel Claims 37-73 thereby rendering this rejection moot.

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## CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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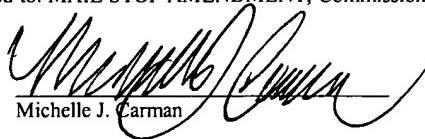
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